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EUROPEAN NEWS.

The steamer City of New, from Liverpool, on the 13th instant, arrived at New York, yesterday.

THE DANISH QUESTION—Lord Russell's letter of December 31, to the Federal Diet, is published. He demands, in the interests of peace, a conference of the Powers who signed the London treaty with a German representative, and that status quo be maintained in the meantime. France has addressed a circular to the minor German States, explaining her position relative to the conference. The Danish ministry proposed to Austria a renewal of negotiations from the point where broken off in 1852. Austria declined.

The London Times says: On the Danish side the last resolve has been taken, and should any German regiment advance beyond the northern boundary of Federal territory, Denmark is resolved to enter on a war with all energy. It is quite time the two great German Powers declared their future course with equal precision.

A Hamburg telegram says: The Danes have opened the dams of the Eider to inundate the country. The approach to Fredickstad is partially obstructed. The principal military force of Denmark is 16,000 men, and was concentrated in the city of Schleswig. Colossal palisades and extensive barricades are being erected.

The Paris Constitutionnel says: The reception given in Germany to the proposed conference on the Schleswig-Holstein question is proof of its impossibility. The Constitutionnel then adds: The proposed mediation will encounter more objections than conference.

REDESBURG, Jan. 12.—The Federal commissioners arrived here to-day. They are believed to have come to treat upon the matter of six villages on the north of Eider claimed by Holstein, but not yet evacuated by the Danes.

HAMBURG, Jan. 13.—Advices received here from Copenhagen of Monday, state there are great hopes of a preservation of peace.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 15.—In the Federal Diet yesterday, a representative of Saxony declared that the troops of Prussia and Austria could not pass through Holstein to occupy Schleswig without the consent of the Federal Diet.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 15.—At the King's banquet, yesterday, the President of the Lower House proposed a toast to the King, saying: "The Danes have determined upon remaining a free and independent people;" and expressing the utmost confidence in the fidelity of the army and the people.

The King replied by solemnly promising ever to uphold the liberty and independence of Denmark.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The London Times thinks that war in India and Japan will certainly be averted.

The Attorney General appeals in the Alexandria case.

It is reported that certain persons in Liverpool will shortly be brought before magistrates charged with enlisting British subjects for the Confederate service.

A public execution in London had produced a strong anti-hanging demonstration, and loud

indignation against the Home Secretary, who recently remitted the sentence against a respectably connected murderer, but refused in the case of a laboring man.

The French Corps Legislatif is still debating an address. Fifty or a hundred arrests have been made in Paris of those connected with the recent conspiracy or engaged in recruiting for an expedition which Garibaldi is said to be contemplating.

PARIS, January 14.—Maximilian is expected here early in February.

Liverpool, January 15.—A vessel with over eleven tons of gunpowder was burnt in the Mersey this afternoon. The explosion was terrific. No lives were lost, but considerable property was destroyed.

PARIS, January 15.—On the occasion of the conferring of the cardinal's hat upon Bishop De Bonnechese, yesterday Napoleon responded to the cardinal in a speech enunciating liberal sentiments.

The papers contain a letter from Mazzini, denying in the most explicit manner any complicity whatever in the plot said to have been discovered recently in Paris.

The Confederate loan advanced yesterday from forty-four to forty-six, and afterwards it reached fifty. The Bank of France lost forty-four millions of francs in specie during the month.

The Great Eastern was bought in at auction at one hundred and thirty thousand pounds.—The steamer Sumter, offered at the same time, brought four thousand and five hundred pounds.

English funds are unaltered. The discount market is active. Consols for money closed on Thursday at 90½@90¾. The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased four hundred and eighty-eight thousand pounds.

The U. S. steamer Scotland was seized by the custom authorities at Canton, for taking aboard guns and other goods contraband of war. In the Court of Exchequer on the 11th inst., judgment was given refusing a new trial in the Alexandra case. The ship would be released.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial from Chattanooga, says that Gen. Johnston's army has fallen back from Dalton. Colonel Burke is reported to have gone with a flag of truce, forty-five miles, but could find no Confederates. The Confederates have advanced pickets near Kingston, forty miles south of Dalton. Cheatham's division, it is said, left on Wednesday. A dispatch to the Gazette from Nashville says, persons who left Knoxville on Saturday report skirmishing between Longstreet's cavalry and the Federals.

There was some excitement in Panama when the steamship Champion left. A British Catholic clergyman had been brought before the prefect, and had criminal suit entered against him for performing mass for a few persons in the hotel. This matter is likely to cause trouble between New Granada and England.

Major Burroughs, captured some time since in Princess Anne county, Va., and who attempted to escape at an early hour on the morning of the 26th inst., from the small pox hospital at Norfolk, and was shot by the guard, died at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

From the South.

NORFOLK, January 28.—The Richmond Examiner of January 25 contains the following:

CHARLESTON, January 23.—Firing on the city has almost entirely ceased. Only nine shots have been fired since 9 o'clock last evening. The position and number of the fleet is about as usual.

MERIDAN, January 23.—Advices from Vicksburg state that the Mississippi is blockaded at Greenville and Miliken's Bend by our batteries. Very few transports go down, and provisions have raised to exorbitant prices.

The steamer Ben Franklin was taken to Vicksburg recently by a gunboat, with her crew in irons. She was detected crossing ordnance stores to the Louisiana shore.

A fight occurred at Bovinia, Warren county, between negro troops and whites. The negroes killed a number of Yankees, when reinforcements arrived and charged on the negroes, took their artillery, and opened on them with grape and canister. Several hundred were killed.

RUSSELLVILLE, January 23.—Advices from the front are encouraging. Our cavalry were within four miles of Knoxville, having captured 500 cattle, 100 hundred wagons, and a large amount of other property.

There is an editorial in the Examiner on the presidential election in the North, discussing the importance of the event to the people of the South, bearing upon the adjusting of the difficulties.

Another Order by General Butler.

FORTRESS MONROE, January 27.—The following special order has been issued and carried into effect:

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Special Order No. 24.—That Mrs. Jennie Graves, of Norfolk, having a husband in the rebel States, and having taken the oath of allegiance on the 2d instant, as she says to save her property; and also having declared her sympathies are with the South still, and that she hopes they will be successful, be sent through the lines and landed at City Point, so that she may be where her hopes and sympathies are. By command of

Major General BUTLER.

In accordance with the above order, Mrs. Graves was sent to City Point on the flag-of-truce steamer New York.

All Medical Officers and physicians in Alexandria, are directed by military authority, to report to the Health officers of this Command, every case of Variola or Varioloid of which they may become cognizant. Name and residence will be reported. Cases occurring among "Contrabands" will be reported to Dr. J. R. Bigelow's office on Washington street, near Wolfe, Alexandria.

Out of 206 deaths of soldiers and others reported at the office of Capt. Moore, in Washington, since the first of the month, 77 were occasioned by small pox, being 37 per cent. of the whole number.

An order has been issued prohibiting newspapers publishing the names, and regiments of Confederate deserters coming within the Federal lines.